

AMENDMENTS TO ABSTRACT

Please amend the Abstract as follows:

The present invention relates to an electrical contact material comprising a matrix made of conductive metal and an unstable fraction incorporated into this matrix. ~~Said~~ The unstable fraction has the property of decomposing between the operating temperature of the electrical contact and the melting point of ~~said the~~ metal with the release of a gas capable of destabilizing an electric arc.

~~The invention also relates to a process for manufacturing an electrical contact material, consisting in:~~

~~_____ providing a blend comprising a conductive metal and an unstable constituent that decomposes at a temperature between the operating temperature of the electrical contact and the melting point of said metal, with the release of a gas capable of destabilizing an electric arc;~~

~~_____ compacting this blend; and~~

~~_____ forming it according to the intended use.~~